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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON TRAVEL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS IN  
UNSCRS 1737, 1747, 1803

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¶1. (SBU) PolOff and ConOff delivered the demarche on UNSCRs 1737, 1747 and 1803 to Yatimsho Musofirov, the Deputy Head of the Consular Department of the Tajik Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We gave Musofirov a non-paper detailing the points raised in reftel, and described the measures the United States is taking to ensure a de facto travel ban on all designated officials. Musofirov said he would forward the information we provided to the appropriate offices. He was not in a position to comment specifically on Tajikistan's efforts to implement the provisions.

¶2. (SBU) Musofirov did explain, however, that the State Committee on National Security is charged with overall implementation of travel restrictions. In situations such as this, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would alert the State Committee about the travel provisions, and the State Committee would enter the information into a computer system that officials use to screen those who enter the country. The computer system is linked to those used by the other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States; names and information entered by other former Soviet countries would automatically be included in this system.

¶3. (SBU) Musofirov mentioned that some border posts do not have access to the computer system (Note: in fact, only the Dushanbe International Airport is currently connected.) This is not necessarily a defect in the system, as Iranians need visas to enter the country, and Tajik consular officers abroad have access to the necessary information through the Consular Department (with whom they would need to consult).

¶4. (SBU) Musofirov also told us about the Ministry's plans to seek assistance from the International Organization for Migration, World Bank, Turkish Embassy, and other potential donors to improve computer and information systems. We have nominated Musofirov for an International Visitor Leadership Program on consular issues scheduled for June, but he does not yet know whether he will be allowed to participate.

¶5. (U) Point of contact on this issue is Greg Naarden, NaardenGL2@state.gov.

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